



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : David J. Bauer

U.S. Serial No. : 09/816,955

Filed On : March 23, 2001

For : PREWEAKENED AUTOMOTIVE INTERIOR TRIM
PIECE FOR COVERING AN AIR BAG INSTALLATION
IN AN AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE

Examiner : F. Fleming

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2001, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) An automotive interior trim piece adapted to cover an air
bag installation when said trim piece is installed in an automotive vehicle, said trim piece
preweakened along a predetermined pattern so as to enable formation of an air bag deployment
opening in said trim piece by pressure exerted by an air bag deploying from an inner side of said
trim piece, said trim piece having an inner surface and an outer surface, said outer surface visible